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Integrating, $\log \frac{px}{\sqrt{(1+p^2)}} = C = \log a$, say.....(3).

This gives
$$p = \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{a}{\sqrt{(x^2 - a^2)}}$$
.....(4).

Integrating (4), $y = a \log[x + \sqrt{(x^2 - a^2)}] + C' \dots (5)$.

Let y=0, when x=b; then $C=-a\log[b+\sqrt{(b^2-a^2)}]$, and (5) becomes after putting $c=b+\sqrt{(b^2-a^2)}$,

$$\frac{2x}{a} = \frac{c}{a} e^{y/a} + \frac{a}{c} e^{-(y/a)} \dots (6),$$

e being the Naperian base.

Also solved by G. B. M. ZERR and L. C. WALKER.

106. Proposed by J. W. YOUNG, Oliver Graduate Student in Mathematics, Cornell University, Ithaca, N. Y.

Prove that $\frac{(2m)!}{(m!)^2}$ is an integer; and more generally that $\frac{(nm)!}{(m!)^n}$ is an integer; m, n being any positive integers.

Solution by G. B. M. ZERR, A. M., Ph. D., The Temple College, Philadelphia, Pa.; and L. C. WALKER, A. M., Professor of Mathematics, Petaluma High School, Petaluma, Cal.

It has been demonstrated that the product of any n successive integers is divisible by n!

$$\frac{(nm)!}{(m!)^n} \div \frac{[(n-1)m]!}{(m!)^{n-1}} = \frac{(nm)!}{[(n-1)m)!} \cdot \frac{1}{m!} = \frac{(nm)!}{(nm-m)!} \cdot \frac{1}{m!}$$

$$= \frac{nm(nm-1)(nm-2).....to\ m\ factors}{m!} = \text{an integer}.$$

$$\therefore$$
 If $\frac{[(n-1)m]!}{(m!)^{n-1}}$ is an integer, so is $\frac{(nm)!}{(m!)^n}$.

But $\frac{m!}{m!}$ is an integer. $\therefore \frac{(2m)!}{(m!)^2}$ is an integer, and so on to $\frac{(nm)!}{(m!)^n}$.

Also solved by H. S. VANDIVER.